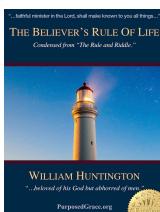


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(2 CORINTHIANS 1:9-10)



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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

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WORTHY IS THE LAMB

"...LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESIED IN THY NAME? AND IN THY NAME HAVE CAST OUT DEVILS? AND IN THY NAME DONE MANY WONDERFUL WORKS?"

(MATTHEW 7:22)

The "many" described by our Lord in Matthew chapter 7 are not comforted by His finished saving work. The "many" He describes do not take any comfort in His blood. In fact, this "many" are those who do good works to try to earn their own salvation. Why do they do that? Because in reality they do not believe Him, the Gospel of His blessed person and His finished saving work.

The "many" our Lord describes, actually believe that they did something to make themselves worthy of heaven. It is apparent where they found comfort and where they placed their confidence, in their works! The many say, "Did not I prophesy in thy name...did not I cast out demons in thy name...and in thy name did many wonderful works!" Unbelievable though it may be, these reprobate self-righteous pharisees say nothing of the finished saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The "many" do not make mention of the precious blood of our Lord Jesus, they do not mention His broken body on His cross, they do not mention of His righteousness or for that matter His worthiness.

Why is that? Because these people never knew Jesus Christ, or more aptly put, the Lord Jesus Christ never knew them. When the Lord declares to the reprobate, I never knew you, depart from me, you that work iniquity. He is intimating to them; from eternity I never knew you, I never prayed for you, I never loved you, I didn't give my life for you as a ransom.

This "many" before the Lord, believe they did something to gain their salvation...what an insult to our Lord! To suggest His finished work of salvation was not enough! These people practically said "Yes, it's true you're the Savior of sinners, but your work on the cross was not enough to save me!...look at my worthy works that justify me." What blasphemy!

Friend, what comforts your conscience? Do you have a good conscience? If you have a good conscience before God...why is it that you have a good conscience before Him?

Is it because today you read your Bible, or today you preached the Gospel, or today you went to church, or this week you didn't "sin"? Or is it because you cast out demons in the name of Jesus Christ?

For what reason do you have a good conscience before God? Woe to you...if your reason for a good conscience before God is something other than the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a **good conscience** toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ"* (1 PETER 3:21)

If you have a God given good conscience, it is by the grace of God, through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

He died on the cross, was buried for three days and on the third day he rose again. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gave testimony to the whole world that He paid for the sins of His people; His Father was satisfied with His sin atoning sacrifice. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Savior of sinners! Hallelujah!

One day you and I will be in front of the Lord of lords, the King of kings, Jesus Christ...this is sure...because you and I are a part of that ultimate statistic...ten out of ten people die! When you are in front of God...what song will be in your heart? What song will be evident in your life? The song of the condemned or the song of the redeemed? The song of hell—"I'm worthy"...or the song of heaven — "*Thou art worthy...worthy is the Lamb*"?

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (REVELATION 5:9)

FREE FROM THE LAW

"...WHY TEMPT YE GOD, TO PUT A YOKE UPON THE NECK OF THE DISCIPLES, WHICH NEITHER OUR FATHERS NOR WE WERE ABLE TO BEAR?" (ACTS 15:10)

The liberty which Peter here alludes to is the liberty of the Holy Spirit, which God had given them, which Paul calls the law of the Spirit of life, which made him free from the law of sin and death; and "*where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty,*" for, as David says, the Spirit of God is a free Spirit. The rule that Peter gives them is faith, which purifies the heart. The unbearable yoke that they were going to tempt God with, by galling the neck of the disciples, was first, the needfulness of circumcision; Secondly, a command to keep the law of Moses; and it is called tempting God, because it was a reflection cast upon His work who had purified their hearts by faith, and sent His Spirit to govern and lead them into all truth; as if the Holy Spirit was not sufficient to make them obedient, nor God's purifying their hearts a sufficient purification, nor faith a sufficient rule, without yoking them with the killing letter as the only rule of life. The law obeyed, and disarmed of its curse, is in the heart of the Mediator, who is Judge of quick and dead, and therefore keeps the keys of hell and of death. The believer is under the law of faith to Christ; and they that are His have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts; such are delivered from the law; and against such there is no law; and sin is not imputed where there is no law. I do insist upon it that, if a believer be brought to the law of Moses, to be under it in any other sense, sin stares him in the face, wrath works in his heart, his enmity is stirred up, bondage seizes him, and despondency or despair will sink him, unless the law of the Spirit of life makes him free from the law of sin and death.

PASTOR WILLIAM HUNTINGTON

IS THIS DEATH? IS IT POSSIBLE?

"HIM THAT COMETH UNTO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT." (JOHN 6:37)

In my late illness I thought I should be able to tell poor sinners to trust, and not be afraid. The peace I felt was indescribable. In myself a guilty wretch, but standing on the sea of glass, the blood and righteousness of Christ, I felt as though I was walking on solid ice; not a drop of water to touch me. I had the feeling,—'Is this death? Is it possible?' Such peace, perfect peace, and quiet joy. All, all my sin blotted out, and the sky above without a cloud. I was just like a child safe folded in its mother's arms. My dear friend, cast yourself at His feet with me as a vile, guilty, hell-deserving sinner, and neither you nor I shall ever perish. He is faithful who has promised—'*Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.*' This was my first word of comfort, and it must be my last: I have no other hope. Would you believe it? I was cast down at my recovery, because I feared I should never be so much favored again. This thought, I believe, came from the devil. Why should we doubt? How unkind to harbor such hard thoughts of our best friend. 'He that has delivered will deliver.' '[*He will rest in his love*]'—Your unworthy brother in Christ.

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